Tax relief package

659. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a bid to address the middle class criticism of the 2002 Budget, the Finance Minister has asked senior officials of the Department of Revenue to work out a package of tax breaks; and

(b) if so, what is the progress in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise.

Performance of NABARD

†660. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the performance of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in various States, especially in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the shortcomings if any, detected in the implementation of the States/Projects; and

(d) the details of the projects sanctioned during the last three years alongwith their locations and the State-wise number of such projects especially the ones in Himachal Pradesh which are yet to be sanctioned/ approved by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) The activities of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) are monitored by Government on an on-going basis. An indepth review of its operations is conducted by its Board of Directors comprising amongst others, senior representatives from the Ministries of Finance, Agriculture and Rural Development and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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The activities of NABARD are also reviewed by the Central Board of Directors of RBI every year. An annual review of NABARD's activities is also tabled in Parliament alongwith the annual report of the institution.

The details of the State-wise refinance assistance provided and the loans given to State Governments including the State of Himachal Pradesh for the last three years are given in Statement-I (*See* below)

(c) NABARD has reported that deficiencies observed in the implementation of projects under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) in States include, *inter-alia*, inadequate budgetary provision, poor progress in implementation, non-receipt of project completion reports, delay in land acquisition, low level of drawals, deviation from approved design estimates, inadequate monitoring, etc.

(d) The State-wise details of the RIDF projects cleared during the last three years are given in Statement-II (*See* below). The details of the projects in the pipeline are given in Statement-III.

Statement-I

Details indicating NABARD support to States during 1999-2000 *and* 2001-2002

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		Target	Max. O/S	Target	Max. O/S	Target	Max. O/S
1.	A & N Islands	287	276	329	324	273	306
2.	Andhra Pradesh	231538	215112	263741	235768	267456	246538
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1064	1117	3502	3502	7205	3764
4.	Assam	14546	14568	12976	13049	4867	10391
5.	Bihar	28225	26767	27151	26436	30546	19953
6.	Chandigarh	10	10	12	12	9	9
7.	Chhattisgarh					24031	19074
8.	D & N Haveli	24	24	67	67	14	14
9.	Goa	1910	1910	2005	2005	3489	3157
10.	Gujarat	80033	63084	106273	79129	124155	87020

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	1999-2000 Target	1999-2000 Max. O/S	2000-2001 Target	2000-2001 Max. O/S	2001-2002 Target	2001-2002 Max. O/S
11.	Haryana	118369	118290	149328	140728	162519	147733
12.	Himachal Pradesh	13602	13571	20035	19863	30918	24662
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	8889	8749	10739	10822	25896	18956
14.	Jharkhand					4695	4675
15.	Karnataka	125594	123913	144063	135441	162636	131375
16.	Kerala	64751	52052	71960	51870	94938	77177
17.	Lakshadweep	21	21	9	9	9	9
18.	Madhya Pradesh	120958	96519	124863	110715	146339	126551
19.	Maharashtra	109681	86838	139197	125885	159763	128775
20.	Manipur	203	817	187	187	155	55
21.	Meghalaya	2133	2074	2615	2655	2791	2903
22.	Mizoram	1386	1386	1814	1814	1681	2336
23.	Nagaland	1032	1032	1342	1294	389	1471
24.	NCT of Delhi	100	100	669	669	627	627
25.	Orissa	87492	77624	80754	79831	100972	90288
26.	Pondicherry	844	809	912	878	932	932
27.	Punjab	101244	98650	106839	99373	127294	120194
28.	Rajasthan	98413	91321	113963	106933	146814	116781
29.	Sikkim	1500	1400	977	1077	883	1596
30.	Tamil Nadu	145149	120659	160830	135526	177018	146408
31.	Tripura	2710	2946	3561	3567	1651	1964
32.	Uttar Pradesh	180482	164877	191879	184373	209189	201282
33.	Uttaranchal					8165	2778
34.	West Bengal	55282	48065	67554	65432	98503	72197
	TOTAL:	1595472	1434581	1816689	1646141	2126812	1811931

Statement-II

Details of the sanctions and the disbursements made under RIDF during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002

Sl. No.	State	RIDF-V	RIDF-VI	RIDF-VII
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1474	2294	2882
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7	13	5
3.	Assam	100043	7	0
4.	Bihar	0	0	1490
5.	Chhattisgarh	36	35	87
6.	Goa	0	60	89
7.	Gujarat	5304	12027	2703
8.	Haryana	6	72	1200
9.	Himachal Pradesh	733	1308	397
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	132	176	2039
11.	Jharkhand	32	0	0
12.	Karnataka	866	586	6156
13.	Kerala	235	256	296
14.	Madhya Pradesh	117	125	102
15.	Maharashtra	1549	1159	1272
16.	Manipur	0	157	0
17.	Meghalaya	61	62	28
18.	Mizoram	38	70	9
19.	Nagaland	54	73	1
20.	Orissa	93	16122	148
21.	Punjab	104	181	715
22.	Rajasthan	327	5640	1637
23.	Sikkim	27	5	45
24.	Tamil Nadu	848	721	996
25.	Tripura	87	9	15400
26.	Uttar Pradesh	1142	1728	1802
27.	Uttaranchal	22	0	6
28.	West Bengal	958	374	4087
	TOTAL:	113288	43848	43462

Statement-III

State-wise position of number of projects to be submitted for sanction

(Position as on 18-11-2002)

Sl. No.	State	No. of Projects
1.	Andhra Pradesh	27
2.	Chhattisgarh	6
3.	Himachal Pradesh	106
4.	Karnataka	21
5.	Kerala	43
6.	Madhya Pradesh	7
7.	Orissa	153
8.	Punjab	261
9.	Tamil Nadu	1
10.	Uttar Pradesh	1
11.	West Bengal	201
	TOTAL:	827

Accounting of Panchayats and Municipal Committees under CAG

†661. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with a view to bring uniformity, Government propose to bring the accounting and audit in Panchayats and Municipal Committee under CAG which would have authority to fix standards for accounting and audit and have general superintendence over such audits;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

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